GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VIOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES AMONG CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific study has been made by the Government to assess the growing violent and aggressive tendencies among the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons identified by the Government for the growing problem; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government to tackle the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research has recently completed a study on theprevalence of emotional problems among children at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore and KG Medical College, LucknowThis study focussed on psychological and emotional problems among children shows that violent and aggressive tendencies are on the increase among children.

(c) The identified causes of aggressive tendencies among children include broken homes; large families; authoritarian attitude of parents; peer pressure; and an adverse school atmosphere.

(d) Services are being provided for the prevention and management of psychological problems through departments of psychiatry in large Hospitals and Child Guidance Clinics.